| S. No. | Name of Project | Cost as per D.P.R. (Rs. in Lakhs) | Exp. incurred upto 3/98 (Rs. in lakhs) | Whether scheme is commissioned so far | Targeted completion date | Present status |
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| 8. | Barwala (Distt. Ahmedabad) | 90.94 | 25.89 | No. | 03/99 | Work of T.W. P.H. completed Sump. Rising main under progress. P.M. yet to be procured. |

**Amendment of Stamp Act**

2894. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a bill to bring changes in the existing Stamp Act for transfer of properties through power of attorney;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the chunk of revenue expected by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI); (a) to (c) No decision has been taken on the issue.

**Action Plan for New Housing Policy**

2895. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the announcement of several steps in the budget, his Ministry had come up with certain action plans as reported in 'The Hindustan Times', dated the 25th June, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof as well as salient features of the New Housing Policy; and

(c) what concrete steps till date have been taken in providing basic civic amenities to people after the regularisation of 1,000 unauthorised colonies in the Capital as well as conversion of leasehold DDA flats to freehold properties in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The news items referred to in the question pertains to formulation of an Action Plan for revival of economy. In so far as Housing is concerned, the action plan pertains to inviting the I in housing. Details rgarding the schemes are not yet ready.

(b) A draft National Housing and Habitat Policy has been prepared after a review of the existing National Housing Policy 1994. The draft policy is yet to be approved by the Government.

(c) The subject matter of regularisation of unathorised colonies in Delhi is still subjudice. However Government of NCT of Delhi is providing electricity and water to such unauthorised colonies in existence as on 31.3.93 on receipt of payment. DDA has permitted conversion of a number of leasehold properties into free hold ones, as per directions issued by Govt. from time to time.

**Restructuring of Government Presses**

2896. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating restructuring the Government Presses;

(b) if so, whether Government will have consultations with the concerned recognised unions and associations of the employees on this at the national level;

(c) if so, whether any national level mechanism exists for such a consultaion; and

(d) if not, the modality to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI